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SUBJECT: KAUNDA VISIT

1. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL CATTO MET WIT ZAMBIAN AMB. MWALE AND
DEPT. OFFS. MAR. 17 TO DISCUSS VISIT. FOLLOWING WERE MAIN
POINTS COVERED;

2. KAUNDA IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE ON
AFTERNOON OF APRIL 18 ABOARD ZAMBIAN AIRLINES DC-8 COMING
FROM DAKAR. SPECIFIC ETA NOT YET KNOWN. REMAINDER OF
APRIL 18 WILL BE DEVOTED TO REST.

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3. KAUNDA WILL MEET WITH PRESIDENT FORD AT 3:00 PM RPT 3:00

PM ON APRIL 19 AND WILL BE GUEST OF HONOR AT BLACK TIE DINNER AT WHITE HOUSE THAT EVENING. WE ARE SEEKING TO ARRANGE LUNCH HOSTED BY HIGH-RANKING USG OFFICIAL. MWALE SAID THAT KAUNDA WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET WITH SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS DURING DAY, POSSIBLY IN INDIVIDUAL CALLS AT BLAIR HOUSE.

4. SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 20 STILL HIGHLY TENTATIVE BUT MAY INCLUDE LAYING OF WREATH AT TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER, MEETINGS WITH AFRICAN AMBASSADORS AND POSSIBLY WITH US

PRESS AT ZAMBIAN EMBASSY IN AFTERNOON. (MWALE DID NOT REACT FAVORABLY TO SUGGESTION OF POSSIBLE KAUNDA APPEARANCE ON TV PROGRAM SUCH AS "MEET THE PRESS" OR "FACE THE NATION".) ZAMBIANS ARE HOSTING EVENING RECEPTION AT WASHINGTON HILTON.

5. BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO PREPARE BLAIR HOUSE FOR STATE VISIT OF KING ASSAN OF MOROCCO, WHO ARRIVING IN EARLY AFTERNOON APRIL 21, DEPT. SUGGESTED TO MWALE DESIRABILITY OF ZAMBIANS' VACATING THESE QUARTERS BY 9:00 -10:00 AM APRIL 21. TIS GAVE MWALE NO PROBLEM. HE PLANS TO EXPLORE WITH GRZ POSSIBILITY OF MOVING UP ETA IN HAVANA, OR ALTERNATIVELY, FLYING TO NEW YORK IN MORNING TO MEET WITH UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM.

6. RE GIFTS, MWALE WAS ADVISED THAT LOW-KEY GIFTS, SUCH AS EXCHANGE OF AUTOGRAPHED PHOTOS OF PRESIDENTS, MOST APPROPRIATE.

7. MRS. KAUNDA IS ONLY LADY NOW SCHEDULED TO BE IN OFFICIAL ZAMBIAN PARTY. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE SOONEST ANY INFORMATION IT MAY HAVE ON HER INTERESTS AND ANYTHING WHICH SHE MIGHT LIKE TO SEE OR DO WHILE IN WASHINGTON.

8. MWALE TOLD US THAT GRZ WAS AGREEABLE TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISIT ON MARCH 25. WE WILL BE SENDING TEXT OF SUCH ANNOUNCEMENT SHORTLY.

9. AS EMBASSY AWARE, DEPT. NEEDS SOONEST ALL AVAILABLE
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INFORMATION ON COMPOSITION OF OFFICIAL PARTY, EXACT ARRIVAL TIME, ETC. MWALE IS AWARE OF THIS AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH GRZ RE URGENCY OF PROVIDING INFORMATION. IF CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY ARISES, EMBASSY MAY WISH FOLLOW UP ITS EARLIER REQUESTS FOR SUCH INFORMATION.

10. MWALE STRESSED HIS EARNEST DESIRE THAT TWO SIDES COOPERATE TO FULLEST EXTENT TO MAKE VISIT HIGHLY SUCCESS-

FUL ONE. WE ASSURED HIM THAT THIS WAS USG'S AIM, TOO.
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